

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-13 (Cancelled)

14. (New) A foldable ladder configured for installation in an opening to provide access between one floor or space and another floor or space, comprising:

an upper ladder section having at least one rail;

a lower ladder section having at least one rail;

a locking hinge connecting the rail of the upper ladder section to the rail of the upper ladder section and configured to allow the lower ladder section to fold relative to the upper ladder section, wherein

when the upper ladder section and the lower ladder section are fully unfolded, the locking hinge adjustable between at least two configurations,

in a first configuration, the locking hinge completely preventing the lower ladder section from folding relative to the upper ladder section, and

in a second configuration, the locking hinge allowing the lower ladder section to fold relative to the upper ladder section.

15. (New) The foldable ladder according to claim 14, wherein in the fully unfolded position, a total length of the foldable ladder is approximately equal to or greater than a length of the upper section plus a length of the lower section.

16. (New) The foldable ladder according to claim 14, wherein the upper section includes a bracket configured for attachment to a panel associated with the opening.

17. (New) The foldable ladder according to claim 14, further comprising a second hinge connected to the upper section, the second hinge configured to attach to a member associated with the opening.

18. (New) The foldable ladder according to claim 14, wherein the locking hinge is in the first configuration immediately after the upper ladder section and the lower ladder section being fully unfolded.

19. (New) The foldable ladder according to claim 14, further comprising a hinge latch movable between a locked position an unlocked position, wherein biasing the hinge latch from the locked position to the unlocked position adjusts the locking hinge from the first configuration to the second configuration.

20. (New) The foldable ladder according to claim 19, further comprising a biasing member biasing the hinge latch towards the locked position.

21. (New) The foldable ladder according to claim 20, wherein upon the hinge latch being in the unlocked position, the biasing member prevented from biasing the hinge latch towards the locked position.

22. (New) The foldable ladder according to claim 21, wherein upon the lower ladder section being folded relative to the upper ladder section, the biasing member allowed to bias the hinge latch towards the locked position.